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Page 2, after line 35, insert:

"Sec. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256J.53, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Approval of postsecondary education or training. (a) In order for a postsecondary education or training program to be an approved activity in an employment plan, the plan must include additional work activities if the education and training activities do not meet the minimum hours required to meet the federal work participation

rate under Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, sections 261.31 and 261.35.

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- (b) Participants seeking approval of a who are interested in participating in postsecondary education or training plan as part of their employment plan must provide documentation discuss their education plans with their job counselor. that Job counselors must work with participants to evaluate options by:
 - (1) the employment goal can only be met with the additional education or training;
- (2) <u>advising whether</u> there are suitable employment opportunities that require the specific education or training in the area in which the participant resides or is willing to reside;
- (3) the education or training will result in significantly higher wages for the participant than the participant could earn without the education or training;
- (4) (2) <u>assisting</u> the participant <u>in exploring whether the participant</u> can meet the requirements for admission into the program; and
- (5) (3) there is a reasonable expectation that the participant will complete the training program discussing the participant's strengths and challenges based on such factors as the participant's MFIP assessment, previous education, training, and work history; current motivation; and changes in previous circumstances.
 - (b) The requirements of this subdivision do not apply to participants who are in:
 - (1) a recognized career pathway program that leads to stackable credentials;
 - (2) a training program lasting 12 weeks or less; or

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2.1 (3) the final year of a multi-year postsecondary education or training program."

- Page 4, delete section 5
- 2.3 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.4 Amend the title accordingly

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